

does meet the .5 acre per 100 population standard when every possibility is considered.

Since 1960 there has been an increase of 50.6 acres of land in this classification. The 1970 land acres in this classification totaled 164.5 acres or 5.3 percent of total developed land in Kinston.

Within the one mile planning area of Kinston, 23.5 acres were identified as cultural, entertainment, and recreation. This area would include the outdoor drive-in theater on N.C. 55-11 northeast, the Neuse Gunboat park, and a bowling alley on U.S. 70 bypass. The bowling alley is presently vacant and hopefully this facility will be in operation in the near future.

As has been previously noted, this category of land use has increased since 1960. Recreation facilities in Kinston are good, as noted in the 1960 Land Development Plan, and intensity of use of recreational facilities is very high. The major facilities needed are a social/cultural/civic center, mini parks in the residential, and possibly Central Business District areas. The two proposed district parks previously mentioned will greatly relieve the intensity of use of parks and playgrounds in the corporate limits of Kinston. Since Kinston is the "hub" of Lenoir County and since Kinston is the center of recreation, entertainment and cultural for the county, the city taxpayers must bear the burden of the cost of operation even though there are very few, if any, limits as to who may utilize the Kinston facilities. More coordination and cooperation between the County and City is a must for future